

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend second full paragraph appearing on page 8 to recite:

A₁ A display device 17 and an input device 19, such as a mouse, are connected to a computer 11. Printer driver software 12 is installed in the computer 11, and included in the printer driver software 12 is a printing environment database 13, which provides for the storage of various printing environment associated data, and a display controller 15, for accessing the printing environment database 13 and for displaying on the display device ~~15~~ 17 a screen for setting or confirming a printing environment condition or a printing condition. In the printing environment database 13, data constituting printing conditions are assigned to various major database categories that are then hierarchically broken down to provide mid-level and low-level elements. The display controller 15 accesses the printing environment database 13, and displays on the display device 17, as default settings, entries representing the major database categories. Then, when a user employs the input device 19 and selects the entry for one of the major categories, the display controller 15 reads from the printing environment database 13 data for the mid-level elements of the major category that was selected, enlarges the display for the entry for the selected major category and displays the data for the mid-level elements, and reduces the sizes of the display areas for the other major category entries. That is, the display controller 15 enlarges the display area for a significant entry in order to display a larger amount of information, and reduces the display areas for less significant entries. This processing will be described in detail while referring to Figs. 5 to 8.

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Please amend first full paragraph appearing on page 22 to recite:

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On this screen 80 (or the default screen 47 in Fig. 18), when the user selects the display area for another objective (a mid-level element), such as the display area 53 for "print faster", as is shown in Fig. 20, the display area 53 for "print faster" is positioned in the center of the display area 41 for "current page", and the display area 49 for "perform more environmentally friendly printing" is moved from the center to the periphery of the display area 53. Then, low-level elements 81a to 81e (detailed contents of the elements are not shown) that are related to the objective or to the needs of the user when setting parameters for faster printing are displayed at appropriate locations in the display area 53.